

OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. (O.S.R.D.)

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1940 -- 1944

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June 3, 1945

"ALSOS"

Dr. Walter R. Kirner
National Defense Research Committee
1708 - 22nd Street, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

1945

Dear Walter:

When you were in Chicago you mentioned that you were looking for chemists to go to Germany to undertake the preparation of reports based on documents now in the possession of the American authorities.

I have in mind two men who would I think be well fitted to undertake work of this kind. They are Dr. Senior, who reads and speaks German quite fluently and Dr. Fuchs, a former assistant of mine, originally a Vietnamese but now an American citizen, who is not only a competent chemist but who also has a thorough knowledge of the German patent law. I have talked the matter over with these men who have both told me that they might be interested. Before they can seriously consider the proposition, it will, however, be necessary to have much more information than I now have. How long is the job expected to last? What remuneration will be attached? What will be the status of the men while they are abroad? Will they have opportunity to secure food and lodging under official auspices or will they be expected to shift for themselves? What, as nearly as you can tell, will be the exact nature of the work they will be called upon to do? Please let me have as full information about the proposed job as you have. Or if the matter is not directly in your hands, please put me in touch with the man who has it in charge so that I may contact him directly.

As for myself, you mentioned that the workers would probably be sent in teams. If the offer were made to put me in charge of such a team, I might well consider the proposition and would, if I accepted, like to have Drs. Senior and Fuchs to work with me. But I don't believe I would care to go merely in a subordinate capacity.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Yours truly,

E. E. Whelan

June 6, 1945

Dr. Walter R. Kirner
National Defense Research Committee
1703 - 32nd Street, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Walter:

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M. S. Kharasch

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
NATIONAL DEFENSE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

OF THE
OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
1530 P STREET NW.
WASHINGTON, D. C.



REPLY TO:

1703 - 32nd STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 9, 1945

Dr. M. S. Kharasch
Department of Chemistry
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Morris:

It was very kind of you to submit the names of Drs. Senior and Fuchs in your letter of June 6 suggesting them as possible candidates for an overseas mission. Since these missions are entirely in the hands of the OSRD Office of Field Service, I have transmitted the information in your letter to Dr. David Delo of that office, who will undoubtedly get in touch with you shortly. Dr. Delo will answer the several questions which you raised in your letter.

It was very nice to see you again in Chicago last Monday. We will appreciate being kept up to date on the progress you are making in ~~the field of research~~.

Sincerely yours,

Walter

Walter R. Kirner
Chief, Division 9

1530 P St NW
OSRD
David Delo

David Delo
1530 P. St. N. W.
Washington
Tel. Republic 7500



OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF FIELD SERVICE

1530 P STREET NW.
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 15, 1945

Dr. James K. Senior
Department of Chemistry
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Senior:

In accordance with conversations held between yourself and representatives of the Office of Field Service and the War Department, it is requested that you become a member of the Alsos Mission beginning approximately 5 July 1945. The tenure of this affiliation with the mission will be subject to the exigencies of the work involved, but I assure you that, if you desire to return to the United States at the expiration of ninety (90) days following 5 July 1945, the Office of Field Service through its military contacts will make representations to the Theatre Command requesting your return. It has been our experience that such a request has always been honored.

It may be that the mission will close before the expiration of 90 days, in which case, you will return at an earlier date. It may likewise occur that the mission may function for a period longer than the 90 days mentioned, in which case, you are a free agent and can make your own decision as to whether you desire to continue.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Delo

David M. Delo
Technical Aide

DMD:cg

June 18, 1945

Dr. David Delo
Office of Scientific Research and Development
1530 P Street, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Delo:

The following letter deals with a number of items.

(1) Application for employment. I believe you asked for three copies of this application. Accordingly, I enclose three copies duly filled out and signed.

(2) Letter from Dr. Schlesinger. The enclosed letter from Dr. Schlesinger will, I hope, be satisfactory to you and will enable you to fix the rate of my base pay. In replying, will you be kind enough to state specifically the rate of base pay, the rate per diem for living expenses, the arrangement for travel in the service and the amount allowed for equipment. I shall reply by return mail, and, if there is no change from our verbal understanding of last Friday, my answer will be "yes".

(3) Photographs. The two photographs which you requested are now being made. I shall mail them to you as soon as I can get them.

(4) Letter from Chief of Police. I am now in process of securing this letter and will mail it to you as soon as possible.

(5) Travel expenses. When I was in Washington, I gave Miss Paris a statement of the expenses I incurred on my trip from Chicago to Washington. On the enclosed slip is a statement of my expenses from Washington to Chicago and the time consumed in travel. If you will be kind enough to turn this information over to Miss Paris, she will be able to compute the amount due to me.

(6) Passport. I am going down town this afternoon to make application for my passport.

I believe I have covered everything that we discussed. If there is anything else which I ought to be attending to, please remind me of it when you write.

Thanking you for your kind consideration, I am

Very truly yours,

5 enc.

James K. Senior

Office of Scientific Research and Development: Do not write
OFFICE OF FIELD SERVICE : in this space
1530 P Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

(Please print, type, or write legibly. If necessary attach supplementary sheets of the same size. Use item numbers corresponding to those used on this form)

1. Date of this application Jun 18, 1945
2. Name Dr. James Kuhn Senior
Title First Middle Last
3. Permanent Mailing Address 5612 Kenwood Ave Chicago Ill
Number Street City State
4. Your Home Phone Dorchester 6924 Office Phone highway area extension 1002
5. Date of Birth Sep. 15 1889 6. Place of Birth Cincinnati, Ohio
Mo. Day Yr.
7. Age last birthday 55 8. Citizenship U.S.A
9. Marital status married No. of children and other dependents, including wife 3
10. Selective Service classification 4A until indefinite Order Number U-368
Board No. 9 Address 1525 East 53rd St County Cook State Ill
11. Specify physical defect, disease or disability. If none, write "none".
None
12. Have you ever had a nervous breakdown? no or been refused life insurance? no
13. Do you now hold a position in Federal service? no Specify _____
14. Are you willing to be stationed anywhere in the U.S.? no or to undertake service outside the U.S.? yes Remarks _____
15. Have you been "cleared" by OSRD or other Federal agency for confidential work?
Yes. Date Dec. 1940 Agency OSRD
16. Education (Indicate honors, if any)
College or professional school - From : To : Degree : Year : Honors
Harvard University 1907 : 1910 : BA : 1911 : magna cum laude
" 1910 : 1911 : MA : 1912 : "
University of Chicago 1911 : 1914 : PhD : 1917 : magna cum laude
17. Fields of special study or experience Chemistry - particularly organic chemistry

18. Knowledge of foreign languages-Reading	Speaking			Comprehension		
	Exc	Good	Fair	Exc	Good	Fair
Language						
German	✓			✓		
French	✓				✓	

19. Membership in professional and semi-professional societies

American Chemical Society

20. Summarize briefly your principal contributions in the form of publications, patents, inventions

Various scientific papers in chemical journals

21. Your present or most recent employer

Business address 58th St and Ellis Ave

Name and title of Supervisor Morris Khoury

Your salary \$ 0 per year Outline your duties and specialty

Research and teaching in organic chemistry

Duration of such employment: From 1925 to 1945, with changes in position and salary as follows

22. May inquiry be made of this employer regarding your qualifications? Yes

23. List other significant positions you have held (or consulting practice in which you have engaged) during the past five years, or earlier, indicating especially experience which might prove useful in the work for which you are applying.

Position	Employer	Dates	Salary

24. In what type of activity do you believe you could be of greatest service to the nation? Chemical research and editorial work in chemistry

25. References. Three people not related to you by blood or marriage who have been mainly responsible for close direction of your work.

Name	Address	Occupation
<u>Herman J. Scheraga</u>	<u>University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill</u>	<u>Chemist</u>
<u>Morris Khoury</u>	<u>" " " " "</u>	<u>Chemist</u>

Signature

Note: Before final arrangements for employment by OSRD can be completed, a statement of availability from your present employer should be in our hands.

June 18, 1945

Mr. David Delo
1530 P Street N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

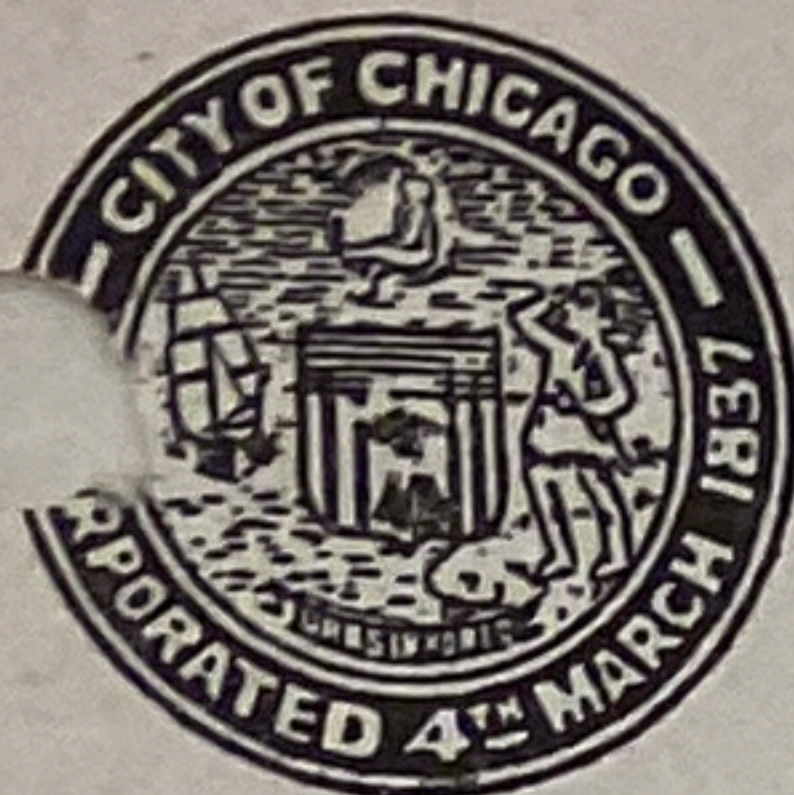
At the request of Dr. James K. Senior, I beg to inform you that the latter has my approval and that of the administration of the University, to take a leave of absence in order to join the Alsos Mission in terms of your letter to him of June 15, which he has shown me.

Dr. Senior is a Research Associate with rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Chicago. The salary customary for this rank varies from \$500 to \$600 per month of actual service. I understand that you desire this information in order to aid you in fixing the rate of Dr. Senior's remuneration while he is a member of the mission.

Very sincerely yours,

H. I. Schlesinger
Professor of Chemistry
Executive Secretary of the Department

HIS:BN



CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

ROOM 505, CITY HALL
CHICAGO, 2 ILL.

June 19, 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

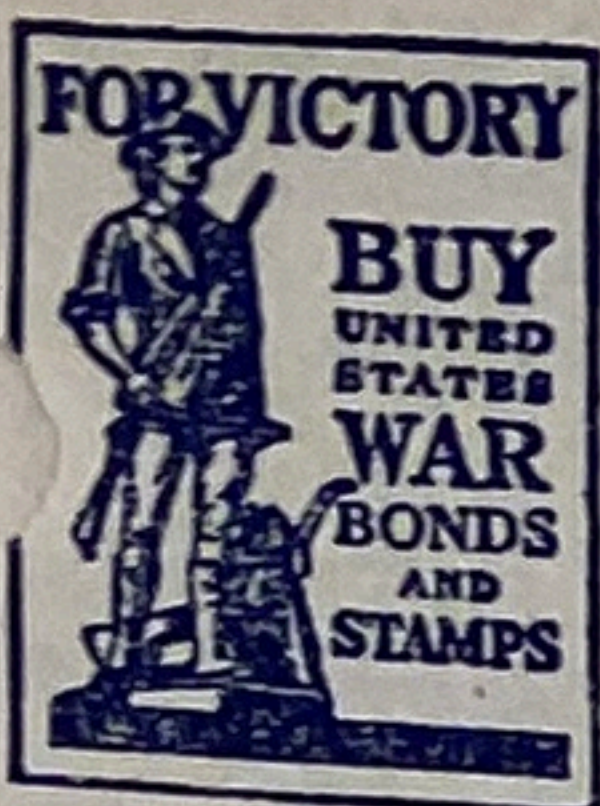
This is to certify that this Department has no record of James Kuhn Senior having been convicted of or sentenced to imprisonment for any offense in this city within the past five years or at any other time, or of having been taken into custody on the charge of being insane or for vagrancy.

Neither has this Department any record of the said James Kuhn Senior ever having been arrested for any antagonism against the form of government of the United States of America.

James P. Allman
Commissioner of Police.

ATTEST:

William W. Schreiber
CITY CLERK - CITY OF CHICAGO.



OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF FIELD SERVICE

1530 P STREET NW.
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
June 22, 1945

Dr. James K. Senior
Department of Chemistry
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Senior:

Answer to your two recent letters has been delayed by the absence from Washington of the individual in OSRD with whom I consult on salary matters. I am happy to offer you a salary of \$550.00 per month on the basis of the Personal Services Contract to be written between you and OSRD, effective the date you report in Washington for participation in the Alsos Mission and terminating when your assignment with the Mission has been completed.

I am delighted with the initiative and energy you have shown in proceeding with your processing arrangements. We are setting as a tentative date for you to report in Washington July 9 which is two weeks from this coming Monday. If this will not be satisfactory, please advise me.

Concerning your request for an address in Paris, to which your friends could write to you, I would suggest they write to you in care of the OSRD Mission, U. S. Embassy, Paris, France, and I am sure they will hold any letters which arrive there for you. You will report there in any event when you get to Paris.

Arrangements are being made for a theatre request for you and I see no difficulties at all at the present time in your preparations for departure. As soon as the theatre request is received, I will notify you and we will arrange more definitely when you are to report in Washington. If I can be of further assistance, please call on me.

Sincerely yours,

David M. DeLo

David M. DeLo
Technical Aide

DMD:cg

June 27, 1945

Dr. David Delo, Technical Aide
Office of Field Service
Office of Scientific Research and Development
1530 P Street, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Delo:

I have received no further letter from you since our telephone conversation on the afternoon of Monday, June 25. I feel, however, that it would be unwise to postpone the conclusion of our negotiations any further.

I accept the position you have offered me under the conditions outlined in your letters of June 15 and June 22. I do this with the understanding

- (1) That my base pay is to be \$550 per month.
- (2) That I am to receive \$7 per diem for living expenses.
- (3) That all travel which I perform in pursuance of my duties is to be at government expense.
- (4) That I am to receive no allowance for clothing or equipment, but am to be allowed to purchase what I need at the Quartermaster stores.

In conformity with this acceptance I have made train reservations from Chicago to Washington for July 8th. Unless I hear from you to the contrary in the mean time, I shall report to you at your office on the morning of July 9th, subject to delay due to a possible lateness of my train. Should you find it desirable to postpone my arrival in Washington to some later date, please let me know as far ahead as you can so that I may be able to change my train reservations. It is extremely difficult to obtain accommodations at any time and almost impossible to do so at short notice.

Will you be kind enough to reserve one double and one single room for me in Washington for July 9th. I would prefer to stop at the Statler Hotel, but if that cannot be arranged, I will be glad to take any accommodations you can find. Should it be necessary to postpone my arrival in Washington to some date later than July 9th, please postpone the hotel reservations accordingly. I would be greatly obliged if you would let me know where you have made these reservations so that I may be able to take my family to the hotel directly from the railroad station.

It is my understanding that you are writing to the O.S.R.D. Mission in Paris informing them of my coming and asking them to hold mail and telegrams until my arrival. I have judged it best to confirm your letter by one of my own and, therefore, enclose a copy of the letter which I am sending direct to Paris.

The inoculations are proceeding in due course, but they will not be complete on July 9th.

With repeated thanks for your many kind attentions, I am

Very truly yours,

James K. Senior

June 28, 1945

Dr. David M. Delo, Technical Aide
Office of Scientific Research and Development
Office of Field Service
1530 P Street, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Delo:

Unfortunately your letter of June 26 crossed with mine of June 27. Will you, therefore, regard this letter as a post script to mine of yesterday.

I accept the position offered to me in terms of your letter of June 15 and June 22 as modified by your letter of June 26. I believe that this should settle the matter between us.

Very truly yours,

James K. Senior